

FIM – CTR Conference Meetings 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
M.C.U.I. Delegate's Report – David Rodgers

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I wish to report on the FIM – Trial Commission meetings I recently attended in Geneva. The Saturday session began at 9am, which is closed to non - commission members by request of the President Jean-Marc Crumiere. After 30 minutes the meeting is 'open' and I along with the Japanese delegate and the newly appointed section adviser, Diego Bosis were allowed to join the proceedings. The year's business to date was discussed on a wide and varied range of issues. Diego Bosis was given detailed instructions on what particular duties are expected of him in his role for the new season. The Indoor World Championship being centre of attention after radical new rule changes seemed to bring chaos at the opening round of the Championship in Sheffield. Since then the CTR has worked hard to quickly simplify the format make it 'less complicated' and above all try to generate a more interesting result. The present system seems to have gained popularity back with the competitors after some heated debates when certain riders felt they had got a raw deal. The commission's general feeling was that it was running well now and no further changes would take place this season.

The Outdoor World Championship is also in for a major shake-up with a few key proposals being discussed. These new outdoor rules, like the indoor's will give rise to various opinions and possibly some interesting responses by riders and officials alike. As for the 2011 World Outdoor calendar, a few new countries are interested, notably Brazil and Australia both being discussed with Brazil the more likely plus Belgium and Germany possibly coming back into the series. The Saturday meeting closed at 6pm.

The Sunday morning meeting is usually a little more informal and gives the likes of myself a better chance to get involved in the discussion. Starting again at 9am the main topic was Ladies Trials with former Ladies World Champion, Iris Kramer, in attendance. Her role will be similar to Bosis at events, monitoring section severity but also she will act as a rider's representative on behalf of the CTR. Ladies training camps were discussed, it was interesting to hear that the CTR will fund an instructors expenses if a federation wished to organise. The general discussion was on what could be done to create more interest within the World Championship for Ladies. Also the second edition of an online magazine is being compiled on Ladies Trials, I suggested they perhaps use this magazine to target the local competitors in federations rather than the established riders. This was felt to be a way forward and I offered to supply some information on the M.C.U.I. rider's if they wanted to be involved. If the commission wishes to pursue this I will contact the relevant persons for more information. It was pointed out by myself that in our case we had few Ladies competing but it was not dismissed as a possibility. Thanking you again for the opportunity to represent the M.C.U.I. Trials Commission at the meetings.

Yours in Sport,

David Rodgers